

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~120040~~ CH-889

Address: 5765 Washington Avenue, Charles County - in the ~~area~~ vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Lyon, William D and Cathleen M

Tax Parcel Number: 231 Tax Map Number: 33

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files


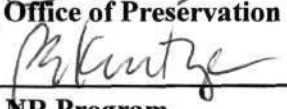
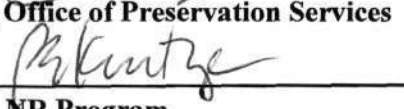
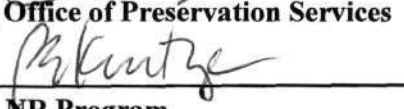
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

5765 Washington Avenue is a two-story, wood frame I-house that has been significantly altered. The east elevation addresses the street. It is composed of two-stories, three-bays, and a side gable roof. The building is accessed through a one-story, screened porch attached to the south elevation of the dwelling.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

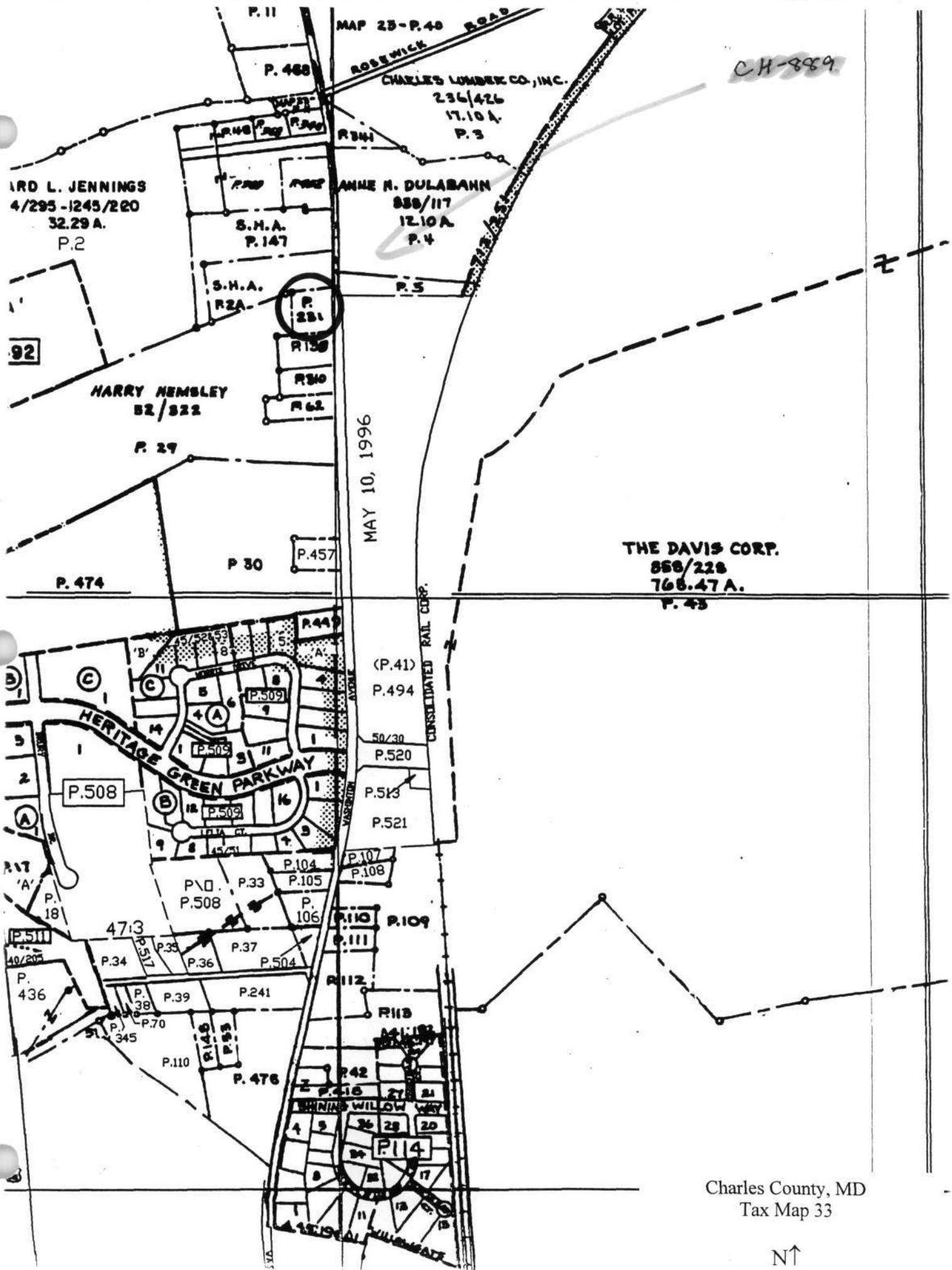
As La Plata grew, Charles County citizens lobbied to have the county seat moved from Port Tobacco to La Plata. La Plata became the county seat of Charles County's government in 1895 and a new courthouse was erected in 1896.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Reviewer, NR Program
	
Date	Date

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to La Plata's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

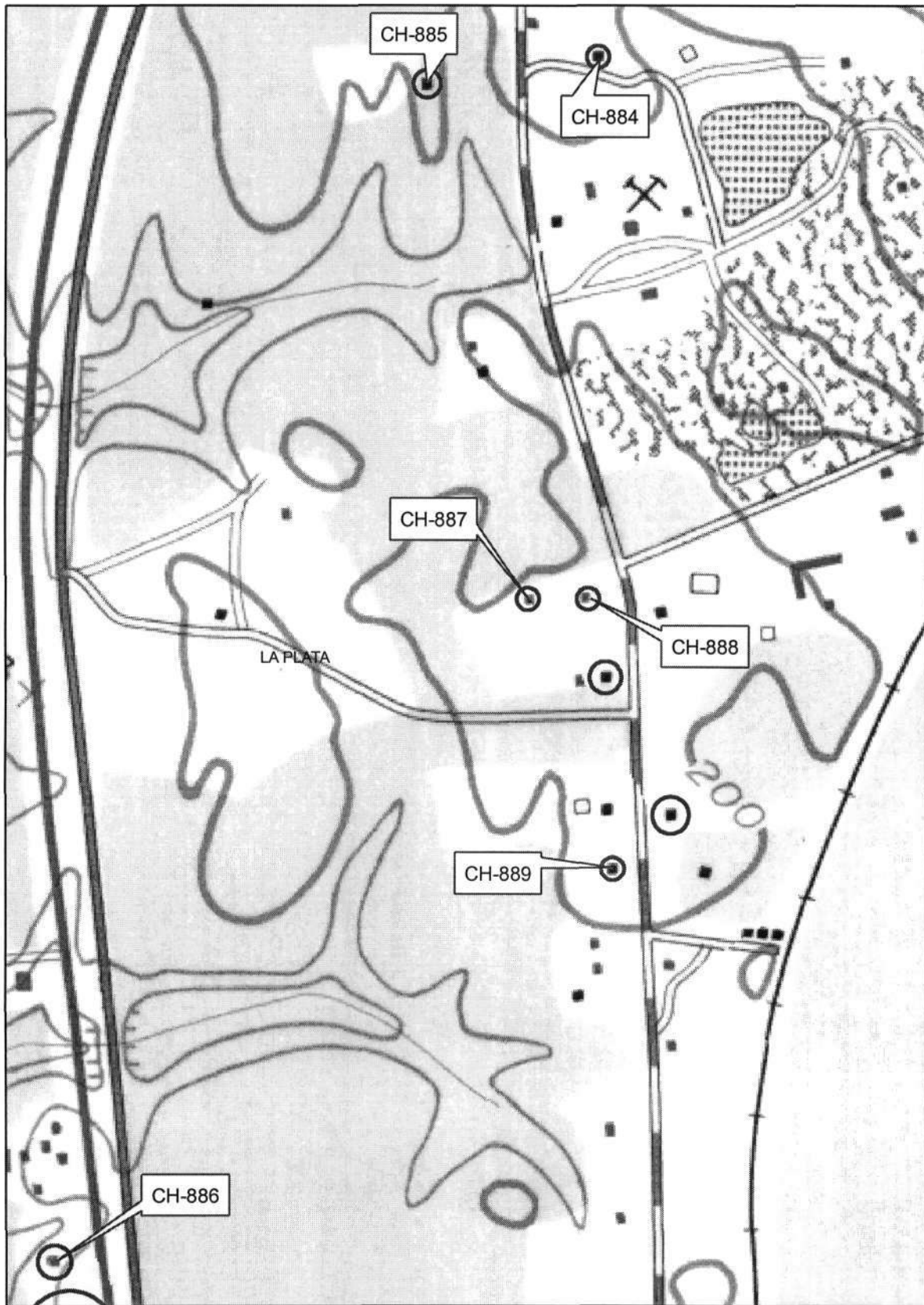
Built circa 1900, this vernacular house is not eligible for the National Register. The form of the building has been significantly altered. This resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Tax Map 33

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View looking southwest

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